



At the intersections of a rich and varied community life, the Riverside Neighborhood Partnership (RNP) reaffirms its mission of neighborhood organizing and advocacy. We are guided by and committed to working within the spirit of the city's "Seizing Our Destiny" efforts. We see ourselves as the principal citizen's advisory body on neighborhood quality of life in the City of Riverside and as a primary incubator, coach, consultant, and friend of neighborhood groups. The RNP exists by action of the City Council, and works to be the "go through group" which unites and supports the 26 neighborhoods of Riverside by facilitating the creation and ongoing growth of various neighborhood groups; by educating the various constituencies we serve on neighborhood quality of life issues; and, by advocating for public policy that encourages the strengthening of local neighborhood life.

Monday June 2, 2014
Youth Opportunity Center on Bobby Bonds Campus, 2060 University Avenue
MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Andrews, Scott; Baker, Linda; Barragan, Jose; Chavez, Paul; Fernandes, Frances; Johnson, Cecile; Khalsa, Gurumantra; Kraus, Jeff; O'Farrell, Damien; Posoisky, Garcia, Bob; Frances; Doepner, Roland Tripp; and Davis, Paul;

Members Absent: Alvarado, Mia; Curtis, Kathryn; Fielder, Chris; Utesch, Larry; Gilmore, Janet; Verwiell, Patricia; and Wright, Jeff;

1. Call to Order – 6:39 p.m. by Acting Chair Scott Andrews (Vice-Chair)

- Acting Chair Andrews acknowledged 13 (after John confirmed 14) attendees out of 20 filled seats, stating that there is a quorum of filled seats, asked for any objections. None were made.

2. Minutes:

Minutes of the May 5, 2014 Board Meeting were printed for approval.

- Motion by Damien O'Farrell, Second by Frances Fernandes. Unanimous approval.

3. Order of the Day:

Action Item on the Nomination of John Brandiff to serve on the RNP Board as a Member from the Non-Profit/Faith Based Sector. In accordance with the request made at the May 5, 2014 meeting, this item is being calendared as an "order of the day." It is to come before the RNP board for consideration immediately following the disposition of the previous meeting's minutes, instead of as a Membership Committee action item, so that if elected, the new member may take his seat immediately.

- Bob gave a report on the membership committee meeting, said all rules were followed for the appointment.
- John Brandriff gave a presentation on why he should be on RNP.
- Damien O'Farrell asked what particular things he was excited about - he says 26 in 26.
- Motion by Jose Barragan to accept, Frances Fernandes, 2nd. 12 in favor, 1 abstention.
- Gary Coffer - MANA overview. MANA (Magnolia Area Neighborhood Alliance) meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the Month at the Goeske Center at 7-8:30 p.m.

4. Public Comments:

This time is reserved for members of the public to make announcements to the RNP Board regarding various neighborhood related activities or events, to inform the RNP Board about various concerns or issues, or to make general statements to the RNP Board. The RNP Board cannot take action at this meeting on issues raised in public comments. However, the RNP Board may ask questions of a speaker

to clarify information being presented. The chairman will take requests for action under advisement and may refer specific items to an RNP standing committee for further consideration.

- Justin Scott Coe, WSGT. Neighborhood Transportation Caucus. Described overview of the Caucus. Survey of the La Sierra Hills initiative on the ballot. (Save La Sierra Hills)
- Justin Scott Coe (Dr. at Loma Linda)
- Mary Munoz Chair of Lincoln Park Community
- Sylvia Bando
- Christina Duran: Should schedule the meeting next month. Communication is key to let people know the meeting was on the Eastside.
- Ms. Figuerro (?) Eastside area resident (name inaudible)
- Vivian and Turner Stantzel.
- Seth Wilson from Orangecrest, slow food, slow money event.
- Scott Andrews asked what is going on in the area?
Christina - giving an overview on the gang problem. Formed a crisis response team and it's really successful. Healzone is successful. Created a walk by faith route, adding markers. 2 shootings on Saturday, not sure why. Lincoln Park about 5 years, includes movies in the park.

5. Communications from Local Government:

This time is reserved for representatives of various city departments to make announcements and/or brief presentations to the RNP Board. The RNP Board may ask questions of a speaker to clarify information being presented. The chairman will take any requests for action under advisement and may refer specific items to an RNP standing committee for further consideration.

- Andy Melendrez described what is Ward 2. Transformation in process and change the stigma. Healzone project is very helpful. Gold Medal winner in our midst - shop free Friday was a very successful event. One thing happens builds the stigma, but the community is not the same as it was 5-7 years ago. School relationships are important, both elementary and UCR.
- Paul Davis June 4th Orangecrest Park Advisory, June 5th Villegas Park Advisory, June 14th Fishing Derby, June 18th first concert in the park at Fairmount and Operation Splash, June 12th, Ward 4th Community Meeting, June 11th Community Action Group.
- Tonya Kennon presented on the 26 in 26 grant partnership with CDD, Neighborhood Resource Centers, State Library \$85,000. Provide space for convening, training in ABCD training, purchasing books for the Neighborhood Reading Councils, computers.
- Paul Chavez and Christina Duran inquired about hours at various branches and Ms. Kennon responded.
- a. Action Item: On Creating a Common Definition for "Neighborhood Strategy" as a part of the 26 in 26 process.

6. 26 in 26 Standing Report, Yvette Sennewald:

Yvette Sennewald, City Staff, will facilitate a progress report on the 26 in 26 project, and may introduce additional items which require RNP Board deliberation and action.

- Yvette Sennewald gave overview of the 26 in 26 project. Described Public Engagement Training, asked for feedback. (Lots of people talked about the success of the training. Only negative comment was on turnout. "Change cannot be rushed"). Discussed a pilot program as described by Davenport Institute.
- RFP for 26 in 26 consultant 1 proposal received, looks like a great proposal. Discussion on Rancho Cordova visit.

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 - Motion by Damien, Second by Gurumantra to accept the motion. All voted to support the description.
 - Discussion ensued on the relationship to the Mission Statement.
 - Meeting set for June 25th 5:30-9:00 at Arlington Library, Potluck volunteered by Frances Posoisky.
- b. Introduction for Discussion: Job Description for all RNP Board members related to 26 in 26 activities.
 - Passed around but not discussed, action at future board meeting.

7. Board Training Activities and Reports:

- a. Training by Scott Andrews
 - Use of Google Drive – Scott Andrews lead the board in the use of the Google Drive to maintain accurate reporting on 26 in 26 activities and other purposes.
 - How to enter information in the Riverside Neighborhood partnership: Member Hours and Activities Database. Scott Andrews asked for comments on what folders should be added.
 - Board members responded that they found the training very helpful.
- b. Neighborhoods USA Report – Gurumantra Khalsa and Jeff Kraus will provide the board with an note overview of the seminar they presented at the NUSA conference in Eugene, Oregon. [a more detailed report of the NUSA Conference is currently scheduled for the July 7th RNP Board meeting discussed follow up meeting instead will send Doodle Poll].
 - Gurumantra's expectations were exceeded worldwide. Jeff Kraus - met people from around the country. Got a lot of ideas and affirmation of what we are doing right.

8. Standing Committee Reports:

Any Standing Committees of the RNP may make announcements about activities or seek introductory counsel from the full board concerning an issue currently before the committee. Committee(s) requesting to place action items before the full board are required by the City Clerk’s office to have such action items properly placed on the agenda in advance of the board meeting in accordance with the Brown Act.

- Conference Committee met to discuss the 5 events.
 - Marketing Committee did not meet because of a quorum.
 - Membership Committee overview by Bobby Garcia (distributed to all).
 - Awards – No meetings yet.
- a. Membership Committee Action Item: Revised application for non-area board members in compliance with Exhibit 1 of the RNP bylaws (N.B., this action is not an amendment to the bylaws; it is a change in the application form used as prescribed by the bylaws).
 - Motion to approve new application - Motion by Linda, Frances P - Second. Paul Davis asked why no Livescan? No answer known. Paul Chavez asked how we are working to recruit business members. Christina Duran would like to represent the Hispanic chamber. Scott Andrews noted that things are different in the application than what are different in the bylaws, for example Education members. Paul Davis asked it be tabled to go to the bylaws. Motion - Linda, Paul 2nd. Unanimous vote to table it to send to the bylaws committee. The bylaws committee should have an action item on the next agenda. Review the application to change the bylaws to match the new membership application.

9. Ad Hoc Committee Reports:

Any Ad Hoc Committees of the RNP may make announcements about activities or seek introductory counsel from the full board concerning an issue currently before the committee. Committee(s) requesting to place action items before the full board are required by the City Clerk's office to have such action items properly placed on the agenda in advance of the board meeting in accordance with the Brown Act.

- No Ad-Hoc Committee Reports.

10. New Business:

Items for introduction by any member of the RNP Board, with referral to a standing or ad hoc committee.

- No new business.

11. Board Member Activity and Announcements

12. Adjournment to July 7, 2014 Next Meeting, July 7, 2014, at the Mayor's Ceremonial Room, 7th Floor, City Hall, 6:30pm-8:00pm

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<http://www.riversideca.gov/neighborhoods/neighborhoods-partnership.asp>